

Path Breaking Order for Inquest

Rc. No 21421/Crime (1)/2009

Office of the Director General of Police
Chennai – 600 004

Dated: 13.07.2009

Circular Memorandum

Sub:-

Police – Tamil Nadu Third Police Commission – Recommendation No. (Para 434 (37.44) – Visit of the accident places by the investigation officers – instructions issued.

Ref:-

- 1) G.O.(MS) No 11 Home (Pol.XI) Department dated 6.1.2009
- 2) Chief Office U.C.Note in Rc.No 113949/RA (10/2006-2. dated: 13.4.2009)

1. It is brought to the notice of the Tamil Nadu Police Commission that when a person suffers a serious injury in an accident case and is referred to hospitals situated in Chennai or Madurai or Coimbatore a far off place from the jurisdiction Police Station, where better medical facilities are available and if the victim happens to die after a few days, the body is kept in the hospital till the arrival of the investigating officer from where the case was registered for conducting inquest.
2. This results in a delay of one or two days causing additional hardship to the relatives of the deceased who are already traumatized by the death.
3. Hence the inquest may be conducted by the local jurisdiction police and documents be transferred to the concerned Police Station for further investigation. Since the purpose of inquest is only to ascertain the apparent cause of death describing wounds, fractures, bruises and other marks of injury as may be found on the body and stating in what manner or by what weapon or instrument such marks appear to have been inflicted. This inquest should be conducted in the presence of 2 or more respectable inhabitants of the neighbourhood.
4. The Tamil Nadu Third Police Commission in its recommendation No. 434 para 37 44 in chapter 36 – has stated that. “The local jurisdiction police may be authorized to conduct inquest in accident cases without waiting for arrival of officers from far off places where cases were registered or the occurrence took place”.
5. The High powered committee has also agreed to this recommendation in respect of accident cases only. Government have also accepted the decision of the committee.
6. Therefore, all Commissioners of Police in Cities and Superintendents of Police in District are requested to instruct the Investigation Officers of the local jurisdiction police accordingly and they may be authorized to conduct the inquest in accident cases without waiting for the arrival of officers from far of places where cases are registered of the occurrence took place.
7. Receipt of the circular memo may be acknowledged.

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For Director General of Police

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